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The President and Board of Managers of the Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled are pleased to announce the appointment of Richard H. Freyberg, M.D. of Ann Arbor, Michigan, as Chief of the Department of Medicine and Pediatrics at The Hospital for Special Surgery, New York. Dictor Freyberg is at present Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Research Director of the Rackham Arthritis Research Unit at the Medical School of the University of Michigan. He will succeed Carlisle S. Boyd, M.D. whose resignation was tendered three years ago but its acceptance was deferred until the appointment of a successor. Dr. Boyd has been appointed to the Board of Consultants of the Hospital. Doctor Freyberg is known for his extensive researches into the subject of arthritis and has published many scientific papers embodying the results of his studies. He will assume his new duties September 1, 1944.

F. Wilson Keller, Director of the hospital, received a 20 pound salmon taken from the Bonaventure River by Mr. Andre P. Pillot, member of the Board of Managers, who was up fishing at the Canadian Salmon Club, Mercier de Caplan, Bonaventure County, Province of Quebec. This salmon was enjoyed by all in the Officers' Dining Room. Mr. Henry L. Finch, another member of the Board of Managers, came as our guest that day to especially partake of this delicious salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Aime Mayotte celebrated their Fifteenth Wedding Anniversary on July 2nd.

Dr. James Fleming, Surgical Resident, finished his Residency on July 1st and is now a Resident at Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. Alexander Hersh, former orthopaedic resident, stopped in the hospital on July 1st. He likes the setup at Columbus, Ohio very much where he is working with Dr. Harlan Wilson.

We have learned that Commander Carr and Ensign Augusta Bethune enjoyed a pleasant afternoon together on the beach at Waikiki.

Miss Evans reports receiving a letter from Colonel Coley who has been a patient in Ward 61, Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas with an "unpleasant siege of atypical pneumonia". However, Col. Coley expects to leave the hospital in another week and then hopes for sick leave. In this case, he will stop in at the hospital to say hello to everyone. We hope we will see him soon.

Dr. Wilson has received a letter from Bill Stark, orthopedic resident in 1943 who writes, "I have been stationed at the Calgary Military Hospital and am taking an Officers' Training Course at the present time in Ontario. I hope soon to be attached to a general hospital for overseas service".

George Maldarelli, our electrician, announces the birth of a son on June 23rd, weighing 6 lbs., 7 Ozs., at the Woman's Hospital. This is Mr. & Mrs. Maldarelli's fourth son.

We have learned from a questionnaire that was recently sent out to the Alumni that the following members are with the Armed Forces:

Capt. Joseph H. Boland, orthopaedic resident 1934-36, is overseas.

Major Hira E. Branch, Fellow in 1936, Harmon General Hospital, Longview, Texas.

Lt. Cmdr. F. R. Daniels, 333 West Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. Surgical resident in 1926.

Major Edward T. Evans, orthopaedic resident 1927, overseas.

Lt. Col. Paul T. Finegan, Hq. for Selective Service, Armory Drive, Trenton 8, N.J., orthopaedic resident 1930-31. He writes, "Have been in charge of the medical division since 1941 and the work has been very interesting and instructive in how an Army and Navy is built from plain citizens. Look forward to the problem of rehabilitation which is being planned by all state agencies, medical, social and economic".

Major Howard W. Gourlie, surgical resident 1934, Quarters 299, West Point, N.Y. He writes, "Assigned to Station Hospital, West Point, N.Y. since November 1942". We learn that he was promoted to a Major in June.

Cmdr. Charles M. Griffith, overseas.

Lt. John A. Hollis, surgical resident 1937-38, overseas. We understand that he is doing neuro-surgery.

Capt. Floyd H. Jergesen, orthopaedic fellow, 1941, has been overseas for the past two years.

R. G. Birrell, orthopaedic resident 1927-28, writes that he is full time with Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Bayway Refinery, and Standard Oil Development Company, Elizabeth, N.J.

Dr. & Mrs. Harry Briggs, 144 Harrison St., East Orange, N.J. announce the birth of a daughter at Sloane Hospital during the first week in July, who has been "Temporarily designated Pocahontas - this being #4". Dr. Briggs was an orthopaedic resident 1929-30.

We have also learned that James G. Bruce, formerly of Springfield, Mass. and surgical resident here in 1930, is a prisoner of the Japs.

We welcome Dr. Custis H. Haynsworth as a resident on our orthopaedic staff.

We also welcome Dr. S. J. Yue as an orthopaedic resident. Dr. Yue has just arrived from Chungking. He graduated from the National Medical College of Shanghai in 1938, and served as house surgeon in the Red Cross General Hospital of Shanghai and the National Central Hospital in Chungking. Dr. Yue has served six months with the Chinese Expeditionary Force in Burma.

Dr. Robert Erdman and Miss Caroline W. Wexler were married on Saturday, July 1st. Dr. Erdman is an orthopaedic resident -- on the Children's Service as of July 1st, which circumstance, he says, precipitated his marriage.

We went "over the top" on our Fifth War Loan Bond Drive. Our quota was $20,000. Bonds purchased amounted to $22,577.00.

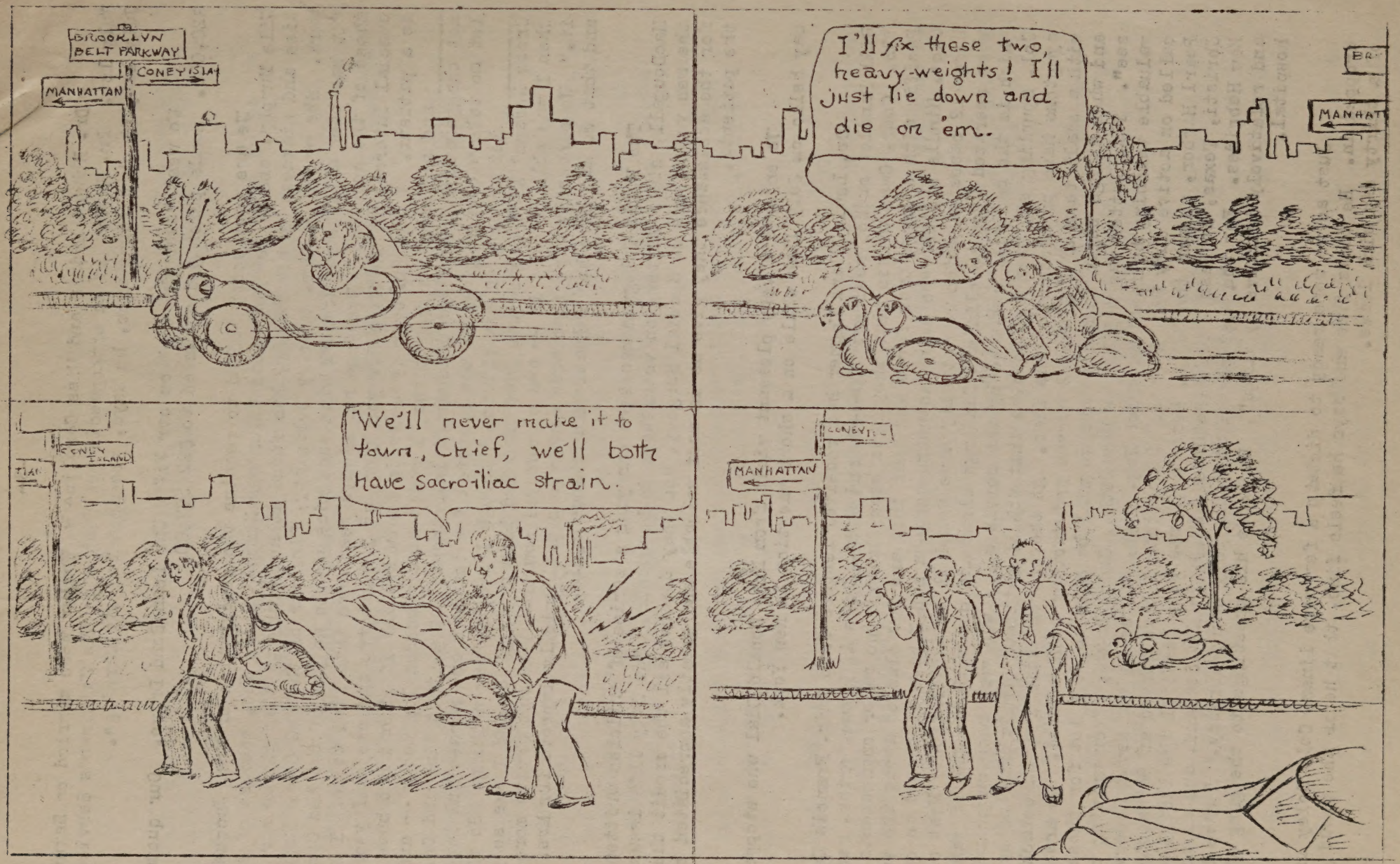
We are very sorry indeed to receive the resignation of Mrs. Jacqueline Wile Murphy, one of our Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aides who, because of home duties and sickness in her family, has found it necessary to discontinue her hospital work. She writes to Mrs. Bradley Delehanty, Director of the Red Cross Nurses' Aides, "It has been a pleasure to work with such nice people as you of the Red Cross and those of the hospital. Everyone has always been more than kind to me. I have a special interest in the R. & C., you know, as I spent two and one half years there as a patient. I was run over by a car in Nantucket and if it had not been for Dr. _____ and his numerous operations, I would have a wooden leg today -- and that is not exaggeration! So I got interested in orthopaedics at that time and Dr. _____ let me take a course given at the hospital for teachers and nurses and later Dr. _____ let me help in his clinic, although I really knew nothing. So the Red Cross Nurses' Aide course was just what I'd been waiting for and I was so pleased when I was able to take it -- and so annoyed now that I cannot devote more time to it." We sincerely hope that home conditions will quickly improve for Mrs. Murphy and that we may have her valuable assistance again.

The World-Telegram has been carrying a series of articles written by Sally MacDougall, staff writer, on volunteers in hospitals. The July 11th issue featured the men volunteers at Special Surgery, and they deserve all the credit they can get for the assistance they give us is most valuable and greatly appreciated by us and the patients.

We enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Mrs. Donald Dial who stopped in to say hello on July 11th while on a short vacation in New York.

Dr. Lewis Clark Wagner has received letters from Cmdr. Francis Carr, Capt. Bill Hindle, ortho. resident '40-'42, and Cmdr. James A. Brown, ortho. resident '32-'33. Cmdr. Carr writes that they have been through two major engagements in the Pacific with a large task force and that they are now classed among the veterans. Capt. Hindle writes, "To date our neuro-surgeon and I have diagnosed as operable discs 12 cases of which we actually have found 11 on exploration. Most of these were operated upon on clinical findings alone and not with the use of pantopaque which is the material now used by the services. I was very much surprised to hear Col. Spurling say when he was here that 95% of patients complaining of sciatic symptons have protrusion of the disc. At the present time I am on detached service with a small team of 2 E men, 2 nurses and another orthopaedist. We are ready, if and when things begin to happen and we will be able to do a lot for those whom we see". This letter was written on May 29th. Cmdr. Brown, after writing of what valuable teaching he received under Wag, says, "I was in the Naval Reserve and was called on active duty Feb. 3, '41. Since then I have served at Pensacola, Fla., Pearl Harbor, aboard the U.S.S. Astoria (I was with her till the last), at Corpus Christi, Texas, at Wash., D.C. (Bethesda, Md.), in New Zealand, and am now in the New Hebrides. For the most part I am doing only neuro-surgery. I have been busy and relatively inactive by turns". He sends his greetings to the gang at the hospital.

Just as we were ready to dictate a few more lines, Col. Coley unexpectedly dropped in. He looks fine and says he feels fine, that he is the proud possessor of a thirty day sick leave.



P.D. Wilson and Ramsay Straub took Archie for an outing one Sunday, but Archie rebelled. However, Archie has great recuperative powers, and after a brief rest is as well as ever.